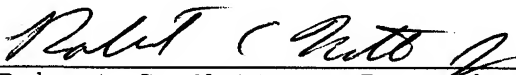


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of) Examiner: David K. O'Dell
Anthony D. Woolhouse et al.) Art Unit: 1625
Serial No.: 10/560,670) Ref No.: 0074-P03958US00
Filed: January 25, 2007)
For: "Zwitterionic Non-Linear)
Optophores and Devices)
Incorporating the Same")

Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of Two (2) months beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee under 37 CFR §1.17 is to be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account.


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4/28/10
Date

TRAVERSAL AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

A restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 was set forth in the Official Action dated February 19, 2010 in the above-identified patent application.

At the outset, it is noted that a shortened statutory response period of one (1) month was set forth in the February 19, 2010 Official Action. Therefore, the initial due date for response was March 19, 2010. Accordingly, a petition for a 2 month extension of time is presented with this response, which is being filed within the two month extension period.

It is the Examiner's position that claims 1-17 in the present application are drawn to five (5) patentably distinct inventions which are as follows: